

1. The Pike County Board of Education met at 5:30 p.m. in regular monthly session at the offices of the board located at 101 W. Love Street, Troy, Alabama. Board members present for the meeting were as follows:

- Mr. W. Greg Price, President District Two
- Mr. Chris Wilkes, Vice-President District Six
- Rev. Earnest Green District One
- Mr. Wyman Botts District Three
- Mrs. Linda Steed District Four
- Rev. Herbert Reynolds District Five
- Dr. Mark Bazzell, Superintendent Secretary to the board

2. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Price, and Rev. Green gave the invocation.

3. The minutes of the May 26, 2009, meeting were approved as presented on the motion of Rev. Green seconded by Rev. Reynolds.

4. Hearing of delegations and communications:

Sheriff Russell Thomas, Adam Register, and Keith Snyder spoke on behalf of a large delegation of Goshen residents who opposed the hiring of Mike McCombs as head football coach at Goshen High School. The delegation spoke in support of Robin Snyder, an applicant for the position, graduate of Goshen High School, and son of Keith Snyder.

A deputy from the PCSO presented a Temporary Restraining Order to the board.

The TRO was signed by Circuit Judge Thomas Head. The basis for issuance of the TRO was allegations made under oath by twelve Goshen residents (Adam Register, James Larry Snyder, Carroll Rhodes, John David Taylor, Jr., Royce Stroud, Traci G. Shaver, Samuel Green, Cedric A. Green, Russell D. Thomas, James A. McClendon Jr., Steve D. Sanders, and Johnny Prince) that Dr. Bazzell, Dr. Griffin and the board violated the Open Meeting Laws and Sunshine Laws of Alabama.

Upon receipt of the TRO, Dr. Bazzell stated that he would ask that this matter be tabled until a later meeting. He also stated that the allegations of Open Meeting Laws and Sunshine Laws were without merit and that the board would vigorously defend their integrity and reputation against these claims.

On June 17, 2009, Dr. Bazzell and Goshen High School Principal, Dr. Al Griffin filed opposition in Court to this legal action challenging and denying the claims of the twelve Goshen residents. On June 19, 2009, a settlement was reached in this matter. As part of the settlement, the twelve Goshen residents provided for general publication in the Troy Messenger a document titled "To the citizens of Goshen and Pike County" which is also known as "Exhibit A" in court filings.

This letter in part states, "**we agree and publically state that Dr. Mark Bazzell and Dr. Al Griffin and members of the Pike County Board of Education did not participate in any illegal acts or wrongdoing relating to the potential hiring of a new football coach, including but not limited to, any violation of Alabama Open Meeting laws or the Alabama Sunshine Laws.**" (Exhibit A attached)

All legal documents related to this matter shall be attached and become a permanent part of these minutes and available for review at all times.

5. On the motion of Rev. Reynolds seconded by Mr. Wilkes, the board adopted the agenda with one additional item. Item #8.P. was tabled.

6. The financial statement and bank reconciliation for the month of May, 2009, was presented and approved on the motion of Mr. Botts seconded by Mrs. Steed.

7. The board approved payment of payrolls for the month of June and bills and accounts for run dates of May 27 and June 9, 2009, on the motion of Rev. Reynolds seconded by Rev. Green.

8. The board approved budget amendment #2 for FY 2009, on the motion of Mr. Botts seconded by Mr. Wilkes. (Copy attached)

9. On the motion of Rev. Reynolds seconded by Mrs. Steed, the board approved membership renewal in the Alabama Association of School Boards for 2009-2010.

10. The board authorized Pike County High School to enter into a copier lease agreement with Imagistics International Inc., on the motion of Rev. Green seconded by Rev. Reynolds. (Copy attached)

11. Mrs. Cynthia M. Price addressed the board concerning the non-renewal of her contract. Mrs. Price was a non-tenured teacher in the Pike County Schools during 2008-2009.

12. The board, on the motion of Mr. Botts seconded by Mr. Wilkes, approved Sharon Denison's request to attend the 2009 National Academy Foundation's Annual Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, from July 7-11, 2009.

13. Dr. Bazzell presented a report on the status of outside school support groups. No action was required. (Copy of report attached).

14. John Evers' resignation from his position as a teacher at Pike County High School was accepted on the motion of Mrs. Steed seconded by Rev. Reynolds.

15. On the motion of Rev. Green seconded by Mr. Botts, the board approved Robert Hudson to work an additional twenty days as school psychologist with the salary to be paid from IDEA funds.

16. On the motion of Mr. Wilkes seconded by Rev. Reynolds, the board approved Quanishia Carter as a temporary summer contractual hire for up to thirty days during June and July to be paid from Title 1 and Indian Education Program budgets.
17. The voluntary transfer of Lisa Hayes from her position as physical education teacher at Goshen Elementary School to that of girls' physical education teacher at Pike County High School was approved on the motion of Mr. Botts seconded by Mrs. Steed.
18. The voluntary transfer of Jessica Moran from her position as third grade teacher to that of second grade teacher at Goshen Elementary School was approved on the motion of Rev. Green seconded by Mr. Wilkes.
19. Faye Money Thomas was re-employed as a third grade teacher at Pike County Elementary School, on the motion of Rev. Reynolds seconded by Mrs. Steed..
20. Tellis Stone was employed as a physical education teacher at Pike County Elementary School, on the motion of Mr. Botts seconded by Mrs. Steed.
21. Samuel Dean was employed as a mathematics teacher at Goshen High School, on the motion of Mrs. Steed seconded by Rev. Reynolds.
22. Darrell Battles was employed as an English teacher at Goshen High School, on the motion of Mr. Wilkes seconded by Mrs. Steed.
23. William Matthew Norris was employed as a science teacher at Goshen High School, on the motion of Rev. Green seconded by Mr. Wilkes.
24. Ryan Ellison was employed as a physical education teacher at Goshen Elementary School, on the motion of Mrs. Steed seconded by Mr. Wilkes.
25. Timothy Brown was employed as a social studies teacher at Banks School, on the motion of Mr. Botts seconded by Rev. Reynolds.
26. Andrea Kimbril was employed as a mathematics teacher at Pike County High School, on the motion of Mrs. Steed seconded by Rev. Reynolds.
27. Reese Woytek was employed as a science teacher at Pike County High School, on the motion of Rev. Reynolds seconded by Mr. Botts.
28. The item regarding employment of a Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Goshen High School was tabled (see delegations and communications).
29. Wanda Corley was employed as principal at Goshen Elementary School, on the motion of Mr. Botts seconded by Mrs. Steed.

30. Sandra Bodiford's resignation, effective June 30, 2009, from her position as Career Technical Director/Principal at Troy Pike Center for Technology was accepted on the motion of Rev. Reynolds seconded by Rev. Green.

31. On the motion of Rev. Green seconded by Rev. Reynolds, the board went into executive session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss pending legal matters. Regular open session was resumed at 6:55 p.m., following the executive session.

32. On the motion of Mr. Wilkes seconded by Mr. Botts, the board approved a confidential settlement agreement concerning employee Nikki Allen (agenda item #8A).

33. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m., on the motion of Rev. Green seconded by Rev. Reynolds.